

PROPOSITIONS

Made by both Houses of

PARLIAMENT,

TO THE

KINGS MAIESTY,

FOR A

Reconciliation of the differences
betweene His MAJESTY, and the
said Houses.

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O Rdered by the Lords in Parliament, that these
Propositions shall be forthwith printed and
published.

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Our Majesties most humble and faithfull Subjects, the Lords and Commons in Parliament, having nothing in their thoughts and desires more precious, and of higher esteem (next to the honour and immediate service of God) then the just and faithfull performance of their duty to Your Majesty and this Kingdome; And being very sensible of the great distractions, and distempers, and of the imminent dangers and calamities which those distractions and distempers are like to bring upon Your Majesty and Your Subjects, all which have proceeded from the subtile insinuations, mischievous practices, and evill Counsell of men disaffected to Gods true Religion, Your Majesties honour and safety, and the publike peace and prosperity of your people, After a serious observation of the causes of those mischiefes, doe in all humility and sincerity present to your Majesty their most dutifull Petition and advise : that out of your Princely wisdome for the establishing your owne honour and safety, and gracious tenderneſſe of the welfare and security of your Subjects and Dominions, you will be pleased to grant and accept these their humble desires and propositions, as the most necessary effectuall meanes, through Gods blessing, of removing those jealousies and differences which have unhappily fallen betwixt

twixt you and your people, and procuring both Your Majesty and them a constant course of honour, peace and happinesse.

1. That the Lords and others of your Majesties Privy Councell, and such great Officers and Ministers of State, either at home or beyond the Seas, may be put from your Privy Councell, and from those Offices and employments, excepting such as shall be approved of by both Houses of Parliament. And that the Persons put into the places and employments of those that are removed, may be approved of by both Houses of Parliament: And that all Privie Counsellors shall take an oath for the due execution of their places, in such form as shall be agreed upon by both Houses of Parliament.

2. That the great affaires of this Kingdome may not be concluded or transacted by the advise of private men, or by any unknowne or unsworne Counsellours; but that such matters as concerne the publique, and are proper for the high Court of Parliament, which is Your Majesties great and supreme Councell, may be debated, resolved, and transacted onely in Parliament, and not elsewhere; And such as shall presume to doe any thing to the contrary, shall be reserved to the censure and judgment of Parliament; And such other matters of State as are proper for your Majesties Privy Councell shall be debated and concluded by such of the Nobility and others as shall from time to time be chosen for that place by approbation of both Houses of Parliament; And that no publique Act concerning the affaires of the Kingdome, which are proper for your Privy Councell, may be esteemed of any validity as proceeding from the royall Authority, unlesse it be done by the advise and consent of the major part of your Councell attested under their hands. And that your Councell may be li-

mitted to a certaine number, not exceeding twenty five, nor under fiftene. And if any Counsellors place happen to be voyd in the Intervals of Parliament, it shall not be supplied without the assent of the major part of the Councell, which choice shall be confirmed at the next sitting of the Parliament, or else to be voyd.

3. That the Lord high steward of *England*, Lord high Constable, Lord Chauncellor, or Lord Keeper of the great Seale, Lord Treasurer, Lord privy Seale, Earle Marshall, Lord Admirall, Warden of the Cinque Ports, cheife Governour of *Ireland*, Chauncellor of the *Exchequer*, Master of the Wards, Secretaries of State, two chiefe Justices and chiefe Baron, may allwayes be chosen with the approbation of both Houses of Parliament; And in the intervalls of Parliament by assent of the major part of the Councell, in such manner as is before exprest in the choice of Counsellors.

4. That he, or they unto whom the government and education of the Kings Children shall be committed, shall be approved of by both Houses of Parliament, And in the Intervals of Parliaments, by the assent of the major part of the Councell, in such manner as is before exprest in the choice of Counsellors; And that all such servants as are now about Them, against whom both Houses shall have any just exception shall be removed.

5 That no Marriage shall be concluded, or treated for any of the Kings Children, with any forren Prince, or other person whatsoever abroad, or at home, without the consent of Parliament, under the Penalty of a premunire unto such as shall so conclude, or treat any Marriage as aforesayd, And that the said penalty shall not be pardoned, or dispenced with, but by the consent of both Houses of Parliament.

6. That

6. That the Lawes in force against Jesuites, Priests, and popish Recusants, be strictly put in execution, without any tolleration, or dispensation to the contrary; And that some more effectuell course may be enacted, by authority of Parliament, to disable them from making any disturbance in the State, or eluding the Law by trusts or otherwise.

7. That the Votes of Popish Lords in the House of Peeres may be taken away, so long as they continue Papists. And that his Majesty would consent to such a bill, as shall be drawne for the education of the children of Papists by protestants, in the protestant Religion.

8. That your Majesty will be pleased to consent that such a reformation be made of the Church government, and liturgy, as both Houses of Parliament shall advise, wherein they intend to have consultations with Divines as is expressed in their Declaration to that purpose. And that your Majesty will contribute your best assistance to them, for the raising of a sufficient maintenance for preaching Ministers through the Kingdome. And that your Majesty will be pleased to give your consent to Lawes, for the taking away of innovations, and superstition, and of pluralities, and against scandalous Ministers.

9. That your Majesty will be pleased to rest satisfied with that course that the Lords and Commons have appointed for ordering the *Militia*, untill the same shall be further settled by a bill, And that your Majesty will recall your Declarations, and Proclamations against the Ordinance made by the Lords and Commons concerning it.

10. That such members of either house of Parliament, as have during this present Parliament beene put out

of any place and office, may either be restored to that place and office, or otherwise have satisfaction for the same, upon the petition of that house whereof he or they are members.

11 That all Privie Counsellors and Judges may take an oath, the forme whereof to be agreed on and settled by Act of Parliament, for the maintaining of the petition of Right, and of certaine Statutes made by this Parliament which shall be mentioned by both Houses of Parliament. And that an inquiry of all the breaches and violations of these lawes may be given in charge, by the Justices of the Kings Bench every Terme, and by the Judges of Assize in their Circuits, and Justices of Peace at the Sessions, to be presented and punished according to Law.

12 That all the Judges and all Officers placed by approbation of both Houses of Parliament, may hold their places *Quam diu bene se gesserint.*

13 That the Justice of Parliament may passe upon all delinquents whether they be within the kingdome, or fled out of it. And that all persons cited by either house of Parliament may appeare and abide the censure of Parliament.

14 That the generall pardon offered by your Majestie may be graunted with such exceptions as shall be advised by both Houses of Parliament.

15 That the Forts and Castles of this kingdome may be put under the command and custody of such persons as your Majestie shall appoint with the approbation of your Parliament. And in the Intervals of Parliament with the approbation of the Major part of the Council in such manner as is before expressed in the choice of Counsellors.

16 That the extraordinary Guards and Military forces

ees now attending your Majestie may be removed and discharged. And that for the future you will raise no such guards or extraordinary forces, but according to law, in case of actuall rebellion or invasion.

17 That your Majestie will be pleased to enter into a more strict allyance with the States of the united Provinces and other neighbour Princes and States of the protestant religion for the defence and maintenance thereof against all designs and attempts of the Pope and his adherents to subvert and suppress it, whereby your Majesty will obtain a great access of strength and reputation, and your subjects be much encouraged and enabled in a Parliamentary way for your aide and assistance, in restoring your royall sister, and the Princely Issue, to those dignities and dominions which belong unto them, and releiving the other distressed protestant Princes, who have suffered in the same cause.

18 That your Majesty will be pleased by Act of Parliament, to cleere the Lord *Kimbolton*, and the five members of the house of Commons, in such manner, that future Parliaments may be secured from the Consequence of that evill President.

19 That your Majesty will be graciously pleased, to passe a Bill for restraining Peeres made hereafter, from sitting or voting in Parliament, unlesse they be admitted thereunto with the consent of both houses of Parliament.

And these our humble desires, being granted by your Majesty, we shall forthwith apply our selves to regulate your present renew in such sort as may be for your best advantage, and likewise to settle such an ordinary and constant increase of it, as shall be sufficient to support your Royall dignity, in honour and plenty, beyond the proportion of any former grants of the subjects of
this

this Kingdome to your Majesties Royall predecessors.
 We shall likewise put the Towne of Hull into such
 hands as your Majesty shall appoint, with the consent
 and approbation of Parliament, and deliver up a Just
 account of all the magazine ; and cheerfully employ the
 uttermost of our power and endeavour, in the reall ex-
 pression and performance of our most dutifull and Loy-
 all affections, to the preserving & maintaining the Roy-
 all Honour, Greatnesse, and safety of your Majesty and
 your Posterity.

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